

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 12-14, 16, 17, 21, 23, 27, and 29. Please add new claims 34-79. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of this application.

Listing of Claims:

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1. (currently amended) A method for restricting wagering access on user equipment, using an interactive wagering application comprising:

determining a geographic location of the user equipment;

checking whether wagering is allowed in the geographic location of the user equipment; and

providing the user equipment with a location verification token when the user equipment is in a location where wagering is allowed;

using the interactive wagering application to verify whether the location verification token is valid; and

restricting wagering access when ~~wagering is not~~  
~~allowed in the geographic location of the user equipment~~ does  
not have a valid location verification token.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further  
comprising providing wagering access when ~~wagering is allowed in~~  
~~the geographic location of the user equipment~~ has the location  
verification token.

3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein  
determining the geographic location of the user equipment  
comprises using a global positioning satellite system.

4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein  
determining the geographic location of the user equipment  
comprises using automatic number identification on a telephone  
network.

5. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein checking  
whether wagering is allowed comprises:

determining in which geographic locations  
wagering is not allowed; and

comparing the geographic location of the user  
equipment with the geographic locations in which wagering is not  
allowed.

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein  
checking whether wagering is allowed comprises:

using an interactive wagering system and a  
location tracing service to analyze automatic number  
identification information obtained from having the user  
equipment establish a communications link using a telephone  
network; and

~~providing the user equipment with a location  
verification token, wherein the location verification token is  
provided by the interactive wagering system, and wherein the  
location verification token is provided when the user equipment  
is located at a location where wagering is allowed.~~

7. (original) The method of claim 6, wherein using an  
interactive wagering system comprises using a component selected

from a group consisting of a transaction processing and subscription management system, totalisators, a subscription verification facility, and any combination thereof.

8. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~6, further~~ comprising storing 1 wherein the location verification token at the user equipment expires after a predetermined period of time.

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9. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

providing a user with the ability to set user-defined wagering access restrictions; and

restricting wagering access based on the user-defined wagering access restrictions.

10. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein restricting wagering access comprises performing a function selected from a group consisting of changing the appearance of wagering options in an interface, removing wagering options from an interface, displaying a message when a wagering option is selected from an interface, suppressing wager-related indicators

from appearing on a display, suppressing a wagering event broadcast from being displayed, or any combination thereof.

11. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein checking whether wagering is allowed comprises:

receiving blackout information at the user equipment; and

determining whether wagering is allowed based on the geographic location of the user equipment and on the blackout information.

12. (currently amended) A method for enabling ~~verifying that~~ user equipment to verify whether it is located in a geographic location where wagering is allowed, using an interactive wagering application comprising:

using an integrated receiver decoder to receive blackout information, wherein blackout information indicates geographic regions that prohibit wagering;

~~determining in which~~ obtaining location information that indicates the geographic location the user equipment is located; and

~~determining comparing the blackout information~~  
~~and the location information at the user equipment to determine~~  
whether the user equipment is located in a geographic location  
where wagering is allowed ~~based on the blackout information.~~

13. (currently amended) The method of claim 12  
wherein ~~determining in which geographic location the user~~  
~~equipment is located comprises using an interactive wagering~~  
~~system and the location information is obtained by a location~~  
tracing service ~~to~~ that analyzes automatic number identification  
information obtained from having the user equipment establish a  
communications link using a telephone network.

14. (currently amended) A method for verifying that  
user equipment is located in a geographic location where  
wagering is allowed, using an interactive wagering application  
comprising:

determining in which geographic location the user  
equipment is located; and

providing the user equipment with a location  
verification token, wherein the location verification token is

provided by an interactive wagering system, and wherein the location verification token is provided when the user equipment is located at a location where wagering is allowed, and wherein the location verification token is stored on the user equipment;  
and

restricting wagering access when the location verification token is not stored on the user equipment.

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15. (original) The method of claim 14 wherein determining in which geographic location the user equipment is located comprises using the interactive wagering system and a location tracing service to analyze automatic number identification information obtained from having the user equipment establish a communications link using a telephone network.

16. (currently amended) An interactive wagering system having user equipment that restricts wagering access, the interactive wagering system configured to:

determine a geographic location of the user equipment;

check whether wagering is allowed in the  
geographic location of the user equipment; and  
provide the user equipment with a location  
verification token when the user equipment is in a location  
where wagering is allowed;  
use an interactive wagering application to verify  
whether the location verification token is valid; and  
restrict wagering access when ~~wagering is not  
allowed in the geographic location of the user equipment~~ does  
not have a valid location verification token.

17. (currently amended) The system of claim 16  
further comprising user equipment configured to provide wagering  
access when ~~wagering is allowed in the geographic location of  
the user equipment~~ has the location verification token.

18. (original) The system of claim 16 further  
comprising a global positioning satellite system to determine  
the location of the user equipment.



19. (original) The system of claim 16 further comprising a telephone network having automatic number identification functionality that is used to determine the geographic location of the user equipment.

20. (original) The system of claim 16, wherein the interactive wagering system is further configured to:

determine in which geographic locations wagering is not allowed; and

compare the geographic location of the user equipment with the geographic locations in which wagering is not allowed.

21. (currently amended) The system of claim 16 is further configured to:

use the interactive wagering system and a location tracing service to analyze automatic number identification information obtained from having the user equipment establish a communications link using a telephone network; and

~~provide the user equipment with a location verification token, wherein the location verification token is provided by the interactive wagering system, and wherein the location verification token is provided when the user equipment is located at a location where wagering is allowed.~~

22. (original) The system of claim 21 wherein the interactive wagering system is comprised of a component selected from a group consisting of a transaction processing and subscription management system, totalisators, a subscription verification facility, user equipment, and any combination thereof.

23. (currently amended) The system of claim ~~21~~ 16 wherein ~~the interactive wagering application is further configured to store the location verification token in the user equipment~~ expires after a predetermined period of time.

24. (original) The system of claim 16, wherein the user equipment is configured to:

provide a user with the ability to set user-defined wagering access restrictions; and  
restrict wagering access based on the user-defined wagering access restrictions.

25. (original) The system of claim 16, wherein the user equipment is configured to perform a function selected from a group consisting of changing the appearance of wagering options in an interface, removing wagering options from an interface, displaying a message when a wagering option is selected from an interface, suppressing wager-related indicators from appearing on a display, suppressing a wagering event broadcast from being displayed, or any combination thereof.

26. (original) The system of claim 16, wherein the user equipment is configured to:  
receive blackout information; and  
determine whether wagering is allowed based on the geographic location of the user equipment and on the blackout information.

27. (currently amended) An interactive wagering system ~~for verifying~~ that enables user equipment to verify whether it is located in a geographic location where wagering is allowed, the user equipment is configured to:

use an integrated receiver decoder to receive blackout information;

~~determine in which~~ obtain location information that indicates the geographic location the user equipment is located; and

~~determine~~ compare the blackout information and the location information at the user equipment to determine whether the user equipment is located in a geographic location where wagering is allowed based on the blackout information.

28. (original) The system of claim 27 further comprising a location tracing service to analyze automatic number identification information obtained from having the user equipment establish a communications link using a telephone network.

29. (currently amended) An interactive wagering system for verifying that user equipment is located in a geographic location where wagering is allowed, the system configured to:

determine in which geographic location the user equipment is located; and

provide the user equipment with a location verification token, wherein the location verification token is provided by an interactive wagering system, and wherein the location verification token is provided when the user equipment is located at a location where wagering is allowed, and wherein the location verification token is stored on the user equipment; and

restrict wagering access when the location verification token is not stored on the user equipment.

30. (original) The system of claim 29 further comprising a location tracing service to analyze automatic number identification information obtained from having the user equipment establish a communications link using a telephone network.

31. (original) The system of claim 16 wherein the user equipment is configured to determine the geographic location of the user equipment.

32. (original) The system of claim 16 wherein the user equipment is configured to check whether wagering is allowed in the geographic location of the user equipment.

33. (original) The system of claim 16, wherein the user equipment is configured to restrict wagering access when wagering is not allowed in the geographic location of the user equipment.

34. (new) The method of claim 1, further comprising automatically removing the location verification token from the user equipment after a predetermined period of time.

35. (new) The system of claim 16, wherein the user equipment is configured to automatically remove the location verification token from the user equipment after a predetermined period of time.

36. (new) The method of claim 12, further comprising restricting wagering access when the user equipment is determined to be in a location where wagering is not allowed.

37. (new) The method of claim 12, wherein the location information is obtained from a global positioning satellite receiver.

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38. (new) The system of claim 27, wherein the user equipment is configured to restrict wagering access when the user equipment is determined to be in a location where wagering is not allowed.

39. (new) The system of claim 27, wherein the location information is obtained from a global positioning satellite receiver.

40. (new) A machine-readable medium encoded with machine-readable instructions for use in a system that restricts

wagering access on user equipment, the machine-readable instructions configured to:

determine a geographic location of the user equipment;

check whether wagering is allowed in the geographic location of the user equipment;

provide the user equipment with a location verification token when the user equipment is in a location where wagering is allowed;

use the interactive wagering application to verify whether the location verification token is valid; and

restrict wagering access when the user equipment does not have a valid location verification token.

41. (new) The machine-readable medium of claim 40, the machine-readable instructions further configured to provide wagering access when the user equipment has the location verification token.



42. (new) The machine-readable medium of claim 40, the machine-readable instructions further configured to use a global positioning satellite system.

43. (new) The machine-readable medium of claim 40, the machine-readable instructions further configured to use automatic number identification on a telephone network.

44. (new) The machine-readable medium of claim 40, the machine-readable instructions further configured to:

determine in which geographic locations wagering is not allowed; and

compare the geographic location of the user equipment with the geographic locations in which wagering is not allowed.

45. (new) The machine-readable medium of claim 40, the machine-readable instructions further configured to use an interactive wagering system and a location tracing service to analyze automatic number identification information obtained

from having the user equipment establish a communications link using a telephone network.

46. (new) The machine-readable medium of claim 40, the machine-readable instructions further configured to store the location verification token at the user equipment for a predetermined period of time.

47. (new) The machine-readable medium of claim 40, the machine-readable instructions further configured to:

provide a user with the ability to set user-defined wagering access restrictions; and

restrict wagering access based on the user-defined wagering access restrictions.

48. (new) The machine-readable medium of claim 40, the machine-readable instructions for configured to perform a function selected from a group consisting of changing the appearance of wagering options in an interface, removing wagering options from an interface, displaying a message when a wagering option is selected from an interface, suppressing

wager-related indicators from appearing on a display,  
suppressing a wagering event broadcast from being displayed, or  
any combination thereof.

49. (new) The machine-readable medium of claim 40, the  
machine-readable instructions further configured to:

receive blackout information at the user  
equipment; and

determine whether wagering is allowed based on  
the geographic location of the user equipment and on the  
blackout information.

50. (new) The machine-readable medium of claim 40,  
wherein the location verification token expires after a  
predetermined period of time.

51. (new) The machine-readable medium of claim 40,  
the machine-readable instructions further configured to use the  
user equipment to determine the geographic location of the user  
equipment.

52. (new) The machine-readable medium of claim 40, the machine-readable instructions further configured to use the user equipment to check whether wagering is allowed in the geographic location of the user equipment.

53. (new) The machine-readable medium of claim 40, the machine-readable instructions further configured to use the user equipment to restrict wagering access when wagering is not allowed in the geographic location of the user equipment.

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54. (new) A machine-readable medium encoded with machine-readable instructions for enabling user equipment to verify whether it is located in a geographic location where wagering is allowed, the machine-readable instructions configured to:

use an integrated receiver decoder to receive blackout information, wherein blackout information indicates geographic regions that prohibit wagering;

obtain location information that indicates the geographic location the user equipment is located; and

compare the blackout information and the location information at the user equipment to determine whether the user equipment is located in a geographic location where wagering is allowed.

55. (new) The machine-readable medium of claim 54, wherein the location information is obtained by a location tracing service that analyzes automatic number identification information obtained from having the user equipment establish a communications link using a telephone network.

56. (new) The machine-readable medium of claim 54, the machine-readable instructions further configured to restrict wagering access when the user equipment is determined to be in a location where wagering is not allowed.

57. (new) The machine-readable medium of claim 54, wherein the location information is obtained from a global positioning satellite receiver.

58. (new) An interactive wagering system having user equipment that restricts wagering access, the system comprising:

- means for determining a geographic location of the user equipment;
- means for checking whether wagering is allowed in the geographic location of the user equipment;
- means for providing the user equipment with a location verification token when the user equipment is in a location where wagering is allowed;
- means for using the interactive wagering application to verify whether the location verification token is valid; and
- means for restricting wagering access when the user equipment does not have a valid location verification token.

59. (new) The system of claim 58, further comprising means for providing wagering access when the user equipment has the location verification token.

60. (new) The system of claim 58, wherein the means for determining the geographic location comprises means for using a global positioning satellite system.

61. (new) The system of claim 58, wherein the means for determining the geographic location comprises means for using automatic number identification on a telephone network.

62. (new) The system of claim 58, wherein the means for checking whether wagering is allowed comprises:

21 means for determining in which geographic locations wagering is not allowed; and

means for comparing the geographic location of the user equipment with the geographic locations in which wagering is not allowed.

63. (new) The system of claim 58, wherein the means for checking whether wagering is allowed comprises means for using an interactive wagering system and a location tracing service to analyze automatic number identification information

obtained from having the user equipment establish a communications link using a telephone network.

64. (new) The system of claim 58, wherein the location verification token expires after a predetermined period of time.

65. (new) The system of claim 58, further comprising:  
means for providing a user with the ability to set user-defined wagering access restrictions; and  
means for restricting wagering access based on the user-defined wagering access restrictions.

66. (new) The system of claim 58, wherein the means for restricting wagering access comprises means for performing a function selected from a group consisting of changing the appearance of wagering options in an interface, removing wagering options from an interface, displaying a message when a wagering option is selected from an interface, suppressing wager-related indicators from appearing on a display, suppressing a wagering event broadcast from being displayed, or any combination thereof.



67. (new) The system of claim 58, wherein the means for checking whether wagering is allowed comprises:

means for receiving blackout information at the user equipment; and

means for determining whether wagering is allowed based on the geographic location of the user equipment and on the blackout information.

68. (new) The system of claim 58, further comprising means for automatically removing the location verification token from the user equipment after a predetermined period of time.

69. (new) The system of claim 58, further comprising means for using the user equipment to determine the geographic location of the user equipment.

70. (new) The system of claim 58, further comprising means for using the user equipment to check whether wagering is allowed in the geographic location of the user equipment.

71. (new) The system of claim 58, further comprising means for using the user equipment to restrict wagering access when wagering is not allowed in the geographic location of the user equipment.

72. (new) An interactive wagering system for enabling user equipment to verify whether it is located in a geographic location where wagering is allowed, the system comprising:

means for using an integrated receiver decoder to receive blackout information, wherein blackout information indicates geographic regions that prohibit wagering;

means for obtaining location information that indicates the geographic location the user equipment is located; and

means for comparing the blackout information and the location information at the user equipment to determine whether the user equipment is located in a geographic location where wagering is allowed.

73. (new) The system of claim 72, wherein the location information is obtained by a location tracing service that

analyzes automatic number identification information obtained from having the user equipment establish a communications link using a telephone network.

74. (new) The system of claim 72, further comprising means for restricting wagering access when the user equipment is determined to be in a location where wagering is not allowed.

75. (new) The system of claim 72, wherein the location information is obtained from a global positioning satellite receiver.

76. (new) An machine-readable medium encoded with machine-readable instructions for use in an interactive wagering system for verifying that user equipment is located in a geographic location where wagering is allowed, the machine-readable instructions configured to:

determine in which geographic location the user equipment is located;

provide the user equipment with a location verification token, wherein the location verification token is

provided by an interactive wagering system, wherein the location verification token is provided when the user equipment is located at a location where wagering is allowed, and wherein the location verification token is stored on the user equipment; and restrict wagering access when the location verification token is not stored on the user equipment.

77. (new) The machine-readable medium of claim 76, the machine-readable instructions further configured to use the interactive wagering system and a location tracing service to analyze automatic number identification information obtained from having the user equipment establish a communications link using a telephone network.

78. (new) An interactive wagering system for verifying that user equipment is located in a geographic location where wagering is allowed, the system comprising:

means for determining in which geographic location the user equipment is located;

means for providing the user equipment with a location verification token, wherein the location verification

token is provided by an interactive wagering system, wherein the location verification token is provided when the user equipment is located at a location where wagering is allowed, and wherein the location verification token is stored on the user equipment; and

means for restricting wagering access when the location verification token is not stored on the user equipment.

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79. (new) The system of claim 78, wherein the means for determining comprises means for using the interactive wagering system and a location tracing service to analyze automatic number identification information obtained from having the user equipment establish a communications link using a telephone network.

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